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## THE CHRISTMAS OF PEACE!

A Merry Christmas . .

. . and . . .

A Prosperous New Year

To Everyone . . . . .

**Do Your Trading at - McKEE'S STORES - Produce taken as Cash**  
*Our Motto--"Value, Quality, Service"--First, Last and All the Time.*

### Christmas Gifts Of Service and Sense!

The old idea of giving beautiful but perfectly useless Christmas Presents has given way to the more practical modern custom of choosing gifts for their utility more than Aesthetic appearance

The following articles are suggested as practical and useful presents which will be appreciated all the year round.

Auto Stop Safety Razor.	\$ 5.00
Gillette Safety Razor	5.00
Shaving Brushes	50c to 1.50
Pocket Knives	75c to 3.00
Watches	\$1.75 to 9.00
Alarm Clocks	2.50 to 4.00
Copper Nickel Plated Tea Kettles	3.75 to 4.00
Coffee Percolators	5.00 to 6.50
Nickle Plated Coffee Pots	2.00 to 2.50
Carving Sets	4.00 to 12.00
Community Tea Spoons	Set of 6 3.00
Community Table Spoons	Set of 6 4.00
Community Sugar Shell	Each 1.25
Community Pie Knife	Each 3.75
Community Cold Meat Fork	Each 2.00

**Currie & Milroy, Ltd., Bassano.**

### District Court Refuses To Confirm Tax Roll

Berry Creek Municipality Suffering Through Fault of Mail Service

The Honor Judge Winters held a Court of Confirmation of Unpaid Taxes for the several Local Improvement Districts and Municipalities of the district at the Court House Bassano on Wednesday of last week.

In every case, except that of the Berry Creek Municipality the Judge confirmed the Rolls and in the case of the Berry Creek Roll, a reconsideration as to the appropriateness of certain charges relating to the publication of the Notice of the Court sitting was considered by the Judge to have been not complied with and consequently, in the interests of owners of the properties which were behind in payment of taxes, had to be rejected.

The Secretary of the Municipality had done everything in his power to comply with the requirements of the Municipality Act, and, as understood, owing to the irregularity of the Mail Service, his notice did not reach the King's Printer in time to receive publication in a certain issue of the Alberta Gazette.

Thus an enormous amount of work and considerable expense has been wasted by the Municipality through no fault of its own, and for the benefit of delinquent tax payers.

There is not the slightest doubt that the ruling of the Judge is strictly accurate from a point of law, and that the Honor could not have given a different decision, and, in essence, that from the point of view of the ordinary taxpayer it seems as if the Municipality had been dealt with in a most severe manner.

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### Skating Rink Almost Completed.

The men behind the Rink proposition are to be congratulated upon their enterprising spirit and faith in the sporting instincts of the townspeople.

There is little doubt that, under the conditions the rink is being built, the project should, at least, pay its way if not return a good profit to the promoters.

We are given to understand that the building adjoining the rink on the west side will be used as a dressing room for the patrons of the sport and the same will be well heated at all times.

The location is a good one as far as the possibilities of building the ice goes, although it must be confessed that it is rather bleak; but that of course may not cause any inconvenience to the skating enthusiasts.

The Council's permission for the charging of an entrance fee to the rink will undoubtedly be taken advantage of, but we believe the fee will be moderate, for the idea of profit was secondary to the object of providing some means of good healthy recreation.

There is very little doubt, but that the undertaking will be enthusiastically supported by the townspeople, and we trust that it will be found profitable enough to guarantee the erection of a frame building in future years, so that skating may also be indulged in by the many devotees of the roaring skates.

It might, even with the present facilities, be possible to provide for a small hospital, if the whole surface of the rink could be flooded.

What about it, Harvey?

### THE GEM THEATRE

Fri. and Sat.--Wallace Reid and "The Things We Love."

Wednesday and Thursday:

Wallace Reid in "Nan of Music Mountain."

Friday and Saturday:

Billie Burke in "Let's get a Divorce."

## Won't You

Join the Bassano Veterans' Welfare Association and help the Boys who made this a Victorious and Peaceful . . . Christmas.

W. S. PLAYFAIR  
PRESIDENT.

W. A. SMITH  
SECRETARY

Wishing You all A Merry Xmas  
. . and . .  
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### Local and Personal.

Roy Smith was a visitor to Calgary on Friday last.

Mrs. Jack Odell spent a few days in town last week.

E. P. Currie is spending the Christmas holidays at his old home in Castor.

Mayor and Mrs. Brodin are spending Xmas with friends in Calgary.

Russell Brown left on Thursday last for Toronto, where he will spend the Xmas holidays.

At the Anglican Church on Xmas morning service will be held at 11 a.m.; when the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered.

Midnight Mass will be held at St. Colombo's Church tonight. Mass at Countess on Xmas Day at 10:30 a.m.

B. C. Newell, of Clark's Harbour N. S., arrived here Monday night and is spending Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Wesber.

A suggestion contained in the advertisement of Joe Johnston this week is one which we earnestly commend to our readers as well worth while.

As a last reminder! The Firemen cut loose on New Year's Eve and will celebrate the passing of the year by a grand dance, which will commence promptly at nine o'clock. Be there, or you will miss the biggest event of the year.

In the future we may expect to hear instead of the old "Thank you; keep the change!" the more up-to-date "Thank you; give me a War Savings Stamp instead of the change." Ask P.M. Morlock, he will tell you why.

The many friends of Pte. Gardner, who was formerly on the Union Bank staff, will be delighted to know that he has been released from his hell in Germany and that he will spend this Xmas among white people.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday School took advantage of the recent marriage of their pastor to present him with a beautiful bottle. The presentation was made at a surprise party which was held on Friday last.

Lord Furlatt tells us he has been kept busy lately slaying the whiskers off jokes that died of senile decay in Queen Anne's time, for fellows who imagine they are blessed with a vein of humor. That accounts for the stories of an unman which often terrify the patrons of Pat's Quack.

An amusing and long-borne controversy between two famous roasters, Ralph Bock and Tom Roney, helped to break the monotony of the Christmas party at the West.

R. D. Currie, roadmaster of the C.P.R. Western Div. (Bassano to Calgary) was married on Thursday last at Winnipeg to Margaret Bowles of Brandon, Man. We understand there is every probability of Mr. and Mrs. Currie, taking up their permanent residence in Bassano.

The sale of needle-work and home-cooking, under the auspices of the Ladies' Altar Society of St. Colombo Church, held on Saturday last in G. M. Pierce's building was a decided success, the proceeds amounting to \$122.95. An elegant table set, donated by Mrs. A. D. Beaton was won by Mrs. May Henderson, centre-piece donated by Miss Hildebrandt won by Miss Thelma Brogan, and the quilt donated by Mrs. Galarneau was won by Mr. Gosselin.

The Ladies' Altar Society, wishes to extend to all who assisted them, in making their sale a success, their hearty thanks, most especially Mr. G. M. Pierce, who so generously provided the hall for the sale, as well as Mr. Bulmer and Mr. McKee for loan of table and chairs.

## Xmas Gifts for All

### AN ACCEPTABLE GIFT Genuine Belgian Cut Glass

8 in. Bowls	\$12.00
Handled Nappies	5.00
Butter Plates	4.00
" Tubs	5.00
Spoon Holders	4.75
Bon bon Dishes	6.50
12 in. Vase	12.00
Sugar and Cream	9.00
Casserole	\$5.75
Electric Iron	\$5.75

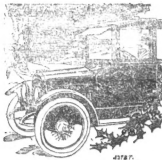
### ALUMINUM WARE IS A PERFECT GIFT--SEE IT

Aluminum Percolators	\$3.00
" Roasters	3.50
" Tea Kettles	4.00
" Pie Pans	40
" Double Bakers	2.50
" Syrup Cans	1.00
" Condiment Sets	50
" Casserole	50
" Wagons	50
" Sleighs	50

Our flashlight stock being heavy we are offering them at greatly reduced prices in three sizes \$1.00 \$1.25 \$1.50  
 Boys Pocket Knives 40c 60c 85c.  
 Gillette Safety Razors \$5.50 and up.  
 Comet Safety Razors takes Gillette Blades \$3.50 a snap.  
 Genco Open Blade Razors, absolutely guaranteed, \$2.50  
 Carving Sets, Sheffield Steel, Fire Stock, greatly reduced.

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## Xmas This Year Will Be Different!

Gifts will be largely in the nature of essentials. One can best carry out the spirit of the times and the season by choosing articles which give the most service; things to wear--For example

**LADIES** Crepe de Chene Blouses; Fancy Camisoles; Silk and Crepe de Chene Underwear. Fancy Neck Wear; Fancy Boudoir Caps; Fancy Handkerchiefs in Boxes; Gloves; Silk Hose--Colors in black, grey and white.

**MEN'S** Fancy Neck Ties; Silk and Knitted Mufflers; " Arm Bands and Supporters; Gloves; " Bed Room Slippers.

### A Small Assortment of Silverware.

All the above mentioned articles will make sensible gifts. They give the kind of service that justifies the purchase

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